GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24: 42, 44. R. v. 2

Alleluia, alleluia! / Be watchful and ready: / you know not when the Son of Man is coming. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 25: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. the other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A 8 NOVEMBER 2026

STAY AWAKE!

As we move towards the final Sundays of our liturgical year, the Evangelist turns our attention to watchfulness and alertness. While this teaching is essentially about God's coming at the end of time—the 'Parousia,' or God's final coming—it also invites us to remain alert to Christ's coming whenever and however that occurs in our lives.

Matthew sets his parable within the familiar setting of a Middle Eastern wedding. At night, ten bridesmaids await the arrival of the bridegroom, carrying oil lamps to welcome him to the celebrations. Five are prepared and have enough oil; the others are not. When the bridegroom's arrival is delayed, the unprepared bridesmaids ask the others to share their oil. They refuse, telling them instead to go and buy what they need. By the time they return, the wedding celebration has begun and the door is shut. The Gospel concludes with the familiar injunction: 'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The message seems clear: we are to remain ready for God's coming, whenever that may be.

But is that the whole message? Another question deserves consideration: *Why do those who have enough oil refuse to share with those who do not?* Their refusal contributes to their sisters' exclusion from the wedding feast. Could the Gospel be asking us to 'stay awake' not simply for God's coming, but to recognise those in need around us—so that everyone might share in the divine wedding banquet?

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING Wis 6: 12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go.
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62: 2-8. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thess 4: 13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Shorter form, 1 Thess 4: 13-14



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MASS TIMES
- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am,10.00am,6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

32nd Week in Ordinary Time YR A
08 Sun: 32nd Sunday in O/T
09 Mon: No Mass
10 Tues: St Leo the Great
11 Wed: St Martin of Tours
12 Thu: St Josaphat
13 Fri: Weekday in O/T
14 Sat: Weekday in O/T/ Vigil 33rd Sunday in O/T

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS
- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm

For Baptisms & Weddings
Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION
- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.00pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @ 4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
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6279 2000 | www.smg.wa.edu.au

WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING. We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink, we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shinning brightly when Christ comes in glory.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		Second Collection EFT Details	
	A/C Name:	Cloverdale Presbytery	**A/C Name:**	Cloverdale Parish
	BSB:	086 006	**BSB:**	086 006
	Account #:	140 608 771	**Account #:**	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	**Reference:**	Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 14th Nov 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		I Iwansantoso M Carino	M Jackson I Iwansantoso	R Vadakkel J Santos D Patrick
Sunday 15th Nov 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S Robinson	P Palmez S D'Castro	S Robinson D Rodrigues	N King B Oshie
Sunday 15th Nov 10.00am	Sunil Rodrigues	C Neville	B Parasuraman C D'Souza	K Whittaker B Parasuraman	J Cheung
Sunday 15th Nov 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		S Irene **Reader Required**	J & R Fernandez	J Mai

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish
We are now into the Spring months and there are still many Viruses & Flu's/colds are in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better. ***Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network*** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

Parish Donation QR Code
A QR Code has been set up for the parish to make it easier to make a donation. Scan the QR Code and follow the prompts. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.

Pilgrim Statues
If you wish to have one of *'Our Lady's* statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138***. 7th November 2026***
S David U4/93 Cohn St Kewdale & C Cocking
104 Gardiner St, Belmont.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink
Please collect a copy of the ***'Archbishop's Appeal Letter'*** after Mass or the ***'Special Appeal Envelope'*** , read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's welfare agenciers in this Archdiocese. You may choose to mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation and place in the Second Collection.

November Mass Offering Envelopes
Are available from either entrance of the Church or the pews. A basket has been placed at the foot of the altar during the month of November for you to place your offering in for the 'Holy Souls'. November Votive candles are also available for 'Gold Coin' donation.

Parish Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner
Saturday 21st November 6pm followed by Dinner in the Parish Centre. This is for all who have volunteered their time and talents to the parish over the last 12 months in any capacity. For catering purposes please write your name on the attendance sheet provided at either side of the church.

Upcoming Roadworks Wright Street
We have been notified by the City of Belmont that there are planned road works for Wright St, between Belgravia St & Hardey Rd, due to commence Monday 16th November and continue for 10 weeks. Traffic management will be in place with road closures. This may not impact on the weekend Masses but be mindful that entering the church and carpark during weekday Masses may be a challenge.

First Sunday of the month Morning Tea & Food Stall
Thank you to all that supported the morning tea and food stall last Sunday – 1st November. ***$688.15*** was raised for the PBF. Thank you again to the Chefs for their food prep.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course
Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers. The training provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. It is a self-paced online learning module. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction
Email: **safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au** or **https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/.**

Notre Dame Community

Notre Dame Youth Gathering – Friday 27th November
You're warmly invited to our '***White Christmas'*** NDY Gathering ***@ 6pm*** in the Parish Centre. Let's come together for a joyful time of fellowship, fun, games, food, and celebrating the Christmas season. ***Dress Code: White Attire.*** Come dressed in your favourite white outfit as we celebrate our White Christmas theme!
We can't wait to spend this special evening with you. Bring your friends and let's make wonderful memories together! Bring a gift of $15 for exchange gift and a plate to share.

Catechists Needed for 2027
Our parish is seeking **volunteer catechists** for the 2027 Religious Education Program and Sacramental Program. Classes are weekly during school terms.
No experience needed – training and support provided. Help share the joy of the Gospel with the next generation!
Interested? Contact Leonie at the Parish Office: Phone: 92774094 / Email: ndparish@bigpond.net.au or speak to Fr. Quynh after Mass.

Containers for Change
The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.

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In Our Prayers…



In Memoriam
We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially*: Vince & Blaga Juras, members of Kim Nguyen Family, Samantha Alejandrino, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, all names that appear at the foot of the Altar and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:
Deacon Al Atkinson, Myrna, Ranjit, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), John Vuleta, Liz Mulder, Lena Kennedy, Marjorie Sandon, Sr Terri Emslie (Presentation Sr), Alecia Hamilton (Quain), John O'Rourke, Joyce Fardy & Victor Richards.